



## Conduct of Raffle using Alternative Method of Selecting Winners

### **"Golf Ball Drop" Raffle**

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The following approved game concept and game requirements may be used by all organizations to conduct a "Golf Ball Drop" raffle.

#### **Game Concept**

Participants "adopt" a golf ball by evidence of a corresponding certificate of participation or raffle ticket. All adopted (sold) golf balls will be dropped from an elevated receptacle over a designated area (practice green on a golf course) at the date and time specified on the certificate or ticket. The first ball, if any, that goes into the designated hole on the green wins the grand prize. If no ball enters the hole, the closest ball to the hole wins the grand prize, and consolation prizes may be awarded based on distance from the hole.

#### **Game Requirements**

1. The organization must publicly post the "Rules of the Game" at the point of winner selection so all participants understand the process of selection. Game requirements as outlined in this document (2 through 15) must be included in the rules. A statement regarding the winner's responsibility for any applicable fees or taxes must be included.
2. Raffle tickets/certificates of participation must include all relevant information:
  - organization name and license or permit number;
  - date, time, and location of the selection of winners;
  - entry price;
  - when applicable, a statement regarding the winner's responsibility for any fees or taxes;
  - sequential numbered tickets/certificates;
  - a corresponding "stub" or other record to include player information (name, address, telephone number). The record must correspond to the individually numbered golf ball.
3. Tickets or certificates may only be purchased by a participant using cash or check (no credit cards) and must be sold for the price printed on the ticket or certificate.
4. Entry in the event is not conditional upon any other purchase.
5. All entries have an equal chance of winning.
6. The participant/ticketholder is not required to be present to win.
7. The golf balls must be of equal size, shape, and weight and must be individually and permanently numbered to the corresponding certificate or ticket.
8. Event coordinators must verify that all numbered tickets or certificates sold match the golf balls placed into the receptacle.
9. The ball drop must be viewed publicly and conducted in such a way to avoid any interference. Spectators are not permitted within the designated drop area.
10. Only sold entries (golf balls) are loaded and dropped from the receptacle.
11. Entries may not be sold after the balls are loaded and mixed into the receptacle.
12. All the golf balls must be released at the same time.
13. Event coordinators must assign a "measurement team" of three nonparticipants who must measure and verify the winning entries immediately after the balls have been dropped.
14. All prizes available must be publicly posted at the event site.
15. In the event of a tie, the organization must use a flip of a coin to determine the winner.

#### **Game Records**

In addition to requirements of board rules for raffle records, all sold and unsold entries must be accounted for including reconciliation for price variance for quantity purchases.

A corresponding master list of all tickets or certificates must be maintained by the organization reflecting all sold and unsold entries.

**If you have any questions regarding conduct,  
contact the Gambling Control Board at 651-539-1900.**